

# OCALA IS THE HOME OF MANY LIVE INDUSTRIES

Big and Little Enterprises, All Doing Steady and Remunerative Business

## SURVEY OF THE TOWN PROVES THAT FLORIDA HAS NO MORE ACTIVE AND SOLIDLY PROSPEROUS CITY

The business manager of the Star started out yesterday morning, neglecting shamefully his many creditors, and made the round of most of the industries of the city that can be classed among the producing or manufacturing class.

He commenced at the extreme northeast section of the city, where the Ocala Cooperage Company plant is located, and wound up with the big sewer contract work of Messrs. Bryan & Company.

### SUMMER HASN'T MADE US TORPID

If anyone thinks for a moment that there is "nothing stirring" in Ocala he has several more things coming to him, as we believe he will admit, when he peruses this feeble and rambling attempt to give them all a little boost and show to the world what we are doing now on the tail end of a long and hot summer. In this hurriedly prepared article, we will doubtless overlook several enterprises of merit, but such has not been intentional and also, some will not come under this head who may think that their business is deserving of mention.

### OCALA COOPERAGE COMPANY

The Ocala Cooperage Company, though not operating on full time, has been running right along all of these years and making lots of fine turpentine barrels and employing a good many men.

### THOMAS' ROCK CRUSHER

Next came Mr. A. T. Thomas' new crushing plant, where a good squad of men are working all day and sometimes in the night, and load a car of crushed flint rock every few hours. This rock, as well as that crushed at his up-town plant located, with his offices, near the Ocala Iron Works, is shipped to all points in the state and for which there is a keen demand. Mr. Thomas operates his plant with a 30-horsepower electric motor, using the city's current, and it is very interesting to see the powerful jaws of the "crusher" "crunch" up a big flint boulder into pieces the size of hazelnuts, and the elevator take away the finished product to the screens, where it is sifted into the different sizes required, the very finest of screenings being left for road building or surfacing purposes, for which it is well adapted.

### WELCH THE WOOD WORKER

Next there is the big planing mill, novelty wood working factory and lumber and building material plant operated by Mr. David S. Welch, on the leased grounds of the Ocala Lumber & Supply Company. Mr. Welch is supplying the lumber and material for a number of jobs about the city, and is making a great deal of wood work, such as screens, doors and windows, stair work, moulding, etc. Mr. Welch is keeping a number of men employed, is using a lot of the city's current and is doing his full share towards stimulating trade and industry in the city.

Among the jobs we saw, later on in the day, where the material is being supplied by Mr. Welch, is the big new nine-room residence on West Fort King avenue, near the crossing of the S. A. L. railway that Dilsie Graham, a colored woman, is building along modern lines; a big church for the St. Paul A. M. E. congregation that the pastor, Rev. Fields, is building in Tucker Hill; Mr. P. D. O'Dell's pretty home in the northern part of town, which Mr. O'Dell is superintending himself, in his capacity of contractor and builder, and the new plant of the Texas Oil Company.

### STANDARD OIL CO.

Next to Mr. Welch's business is the plant of the Standard Oil Co., which

keeps Manager Tom Jones of "Standard Oil fame," as busy as a bee.

### TEXAS OIL COMPANY

Jumping away over, northwest of this place, the Texas Oil Company, one of the many new and good things to come to Ocala, has well under way its buildings. The Texas Oil Company is building two warehouses and a stable for its teams, and as soon as these are ready the three huge tanks for storing gasoline and kerosene will be shipped here and placed on their foundations. The company will carry probably the largest stock of gasoline and oil, as well as barrel goods, oils, paints, roofing, etc., of any of the oil companies operating in this part of the state. It will supply several counties from the Ocala station, and we are told it is putting in as rapidly as possible sixteen of these stations in the state. Ocala is glad to see the big competitor of the Standard Oil and Gulf companies coming into Ocala and that it is coming on a larger scale than either of its competitors, shows that it means business and, with its competitors, attaches a great deal of importance to this town of Ocala.

### GULF REFINING COMPANY

Not a great ways from its plant is the Gulf Refining Company's big warehouse and storage tanks, the business that "made the octopus sit up and take notice" in this hamlet several years ago, when it established a station here. Mr. A. G. Gates is the agent for the company here, and his teams and autos may be seen often on the roads of the county, running Mr. Tom Jones a merry race.

### OCALA GAS COMPANY

Taking a long back step to the crossing of the two railroads, and the prospective location of the new union passenger depot that will have to be commenced next May, under the order of the railroad commission, is the up-to-date plant of the Ocala Gas Company. The not housed in a pretentious building, the gas plant is very efficient and is doing its work and doing it well, the new machinery being surrounded with an absolutely fireproof shell; in fact, a repetition of the disaster that put Charlie Hunter out of the running for a few days once, can never happen again. This reminds us that we were surprised the other day, when Mr. Hunter told us that he has in the city four hundred gas meters and winter coming on, with prospects for many more. Why, we hardly thought there were that many users of gas all put together in Ocala.

### BIG INDUSTRIES OF TAYLOR BROTHERS

Crossing the Seaboard, on the way "up town" is the huge new warehouse, filling the entire corner made by the crossing of the A. C. L. Railway, that has just been completed by the Ocala Manufacturing Co., and is now being filled slowly with crates and baskets for the coming demand. This warehouse is pointed out with pride by the Taylor brothers. It is 50 x 80 and is more than 20 feet high, inside at the eaves, and more than 30 feet in the center. It is well made and well braced and well lighted. Mr. Taylor put a floor in this building that will stand and a foundation that will support the weight of the 150,000 orange boxes that it will hold, if that many are ever in there at once. The old packing house of the company which was torn down on this site sheared the brick foundations in half with the weight of the contents, but the foundation system under the new one, no amount of weight will affect.

Right back of and east of the building is another warehouse, almost the same size, two stories, the second

floor being served by an elevator, and it is almost filled with crates and baskets, either finished or knocked down. In the huge crate and basket mill, close by, the big crew of the factory was busily engaged in turning out crates and baskets while further down the line, away past the big ice factory and cold storage plant, and past a long string of freight cars loaded with pine saw-logs, the veneer mill and saw mill was cutting the logs into lumber for crates and baskets. While in the true sense of the word the company does not operate a saw mill it cuts a great deal of lumber for its own and other uses. Then there are long sheds of veneer material drying or seasoning. The cold storage rooms are ready for the curing and storing of the great crop of Marion County pork, soon to begin coming in, and which Mr. Taylor says will be heavier than most of us think.

### LOTS OF WHEELS FOR KNIGHT AND LANG

Continuing our way on up town we passed the huge "L" shaped building formerly used by the Ocala Iron Works, which is partially filled with wagons and vehicles belonging to Knight & Lang, which firm is using it as a warehouse. That part of the building not filled with vehicles is taken up with crates of the Ocala Manufacturing Company, which never seems to have made and stored quite enough crates to satisfy it.

The Ocala Manufacturing Company is by far the largest manufacturing business and employer of labor in the city, and we believe the largest in the county that is being operated at present. Few of us, even here in the city realize its magnitude. The plant covers 10 acres of ground, and there is little spare or waste space, and its feed bill for mules alone is a thousand dollars a month, nearly all of which is bought here, when, as now there is feed for sale.

### OCALA IRON WORKS

Across the street from the building used jointly as a warehouse by the Ocala Manufacturing Co., and Knight & Lang is the big and modern plant of the Ocala Iron Works. This business is quite busy and has better prospects ahead for business. This plant is now housed, with its fine modern machinery, in one of the best arranged, most convenient buildings in the state, and it is absolutely fireproof—one could not set fire to any part of it if he tried.

### WHOLESALE GROCERY HOUSES

Back on the other side of the track is the big wholesale grocery of Jake Brown, one of the "institutions" of the city, while on the other side and a little further back is that of the Ocala Grocery Company, another lively and successful business.

### OCALA'S PACKING HOUSE

Next to Jake Brown is the big, new packing house of the Ocala Citrus Association, which the Taylor Brothers have almost completed under contract for the association. The building is well put up, covered entirely with galvanized iron, and is 80 by 100 feet, and very lofty inside. The building is admirably located, right alongside of the A. C. L. track, and the S. A. L. and Oklawaha Valley have spur tracks coming up to its back door.

This building was filled with men, some erecting the new machinery, the sorters, packers, washers and all the other machines of the packing house, machinery never before seen in Ocala and new to most of us. There were cords and cords and carloads of the machinery scattered around inside the great room, and the men were busily engaged in assembling and placing and getting it ready to op-

# UNEXPECTED TURN IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

TROUBLE BETWEEN VILLA AND HIS TROOPS---CARRANZA FAVORED BY THE CONFERENCE

(Associated Press)

erate. There was another big crew engaged in putting together the 4000 picking boxes, which will be sent out to the different groves of the patrons of the house. These boxes are of cypress. The material was cut and shipped to Ocala and the men are now making it into boxes.

### IMMENSE ORANGE INDUSTRY

This big building is well lighted and ventilated and when the season opens and the thousands of boxes of fruit come in and the army of people are handling and getting it ready for market, it will present a more animated appearance than it does now.

It is expected that 40,000 boxes of fruit will pass through the house this season; nearly this much is contracted for. The Taylor Brothers will supply all of the crates. The wrappers will all be printed and ready by the opening of the season.

The brands adopted by the association and for which wrappers are being printed, are: First grade, Universal Brand, no emblem; second grade, Jewel Brand, with a diamond ring for the emblem; third, Bobolink Brand, with a bob-o-link sitting on a twig. These three brands of oranges in years to come will help to "make Ocala famous."

Mr. Barnes, the manager, and Mr. Sandlin, of the citrus exchange, are very busy and loaded with enthusiasm over the outlook of the packing house and the splendid way everything is progressing.

### SEWERAGE CONTRACTORS

Next door is the building now used by Messrs. Bryan & Co., the sewer contractors, as a warehouse and office and from which headquarters the work is directed.

### CORN, MEAL AND GRITS BY CHAZAL SONS COMPANY

Across the street is the substantial two-story building with cement floor on the ground level, occupied by another of Ocala's newest and best industries. In this building the L. R. Chazal Sons Co. has established a modern plant, where with labor saving machinery, corn is shelled and then passed on through the huge boiler-like arrangement where the grains are subjected to 165 degrees of heat for several minutes while being revolved and stirred. Coming out of this machine, all weevils and bugs are dead, also any eggs that may have been in or about the corn. The corn is passed on to a cleaning machine, where all trash and husk and, incidentally, any dead weevil, is removed. On it passes to the grist mill, where a powerful blowing machine removes any remaining foreign substance and the clean grains go into the mill and come out in meal or grits, as desired, being sifted as it comes out. The freshly ground meal or grits is then sacked in the attractively printed sacks of the firm and is ready for market. The process from the time the corn goes into the sheller till it is ready to sack as meal is continuous, with no handling by hand, the corn being taken from the heat-treating machine to the second floor from which it passes into the top of the mill, if desired, or remains there, is the plant is not grinding.

### CHARLESTON IS QUIET

Excitement in regard to Election Count is Over

(Associated Press)

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—Russia has regarded herself in a state of war with Bulgaria from the moment the latter attacked Serbia, according to a foreign office statement. A formal declaration is awaiting an exchange of telegrams with the Entente Allies.

### NOTICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS

If you want any kind of furniture repaired, re-upholstered, re-polished or remodeled, write me. Satisfaction guaranteed, and the prices are right.

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### WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and found them to be just as represented, a quick relief for headaches, dizzy spells and other symptoms denoting a torpid liver and a disordered condition of the digestive organs. They are worth their weight in gold," writes Miss Clara A. Driggs, Elba, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

# SIX YEARS NEEDED TO MAKE US SAFE

Details of Preparation for National Defense

TO GIVE US PLENTY OF SOLDIERS AND SHIPS IF OTHER NATIONS GIVE US TIME

(Associated Press)

Washington, Oct. 16.—Details of the administration's national defense program, which were made known officially today, include a six-year program which will bring the army with its reserves to a million, two hundred thousand trained men.

The navy will be increased by sixteen capital ships, eighty-five submarines, fifty destroyers and fifteen scout cruisers in five years.

## FIGHTING ON THE SERBIAN FRONTIER

BLOODY BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN THE VALADOVO REGION

(Associated Press)

Milan, Oct. 16.—Scolio dispatches from Sofia, via Bucharest, says the Bulgarian government has been obliged to resort to measures of repression as a result of unrest among the people. Many pro-Russian officers have retired from the army. Reprisals on Quadruple Entente subjects are beginning. A Scolio Athens dispatch says that fifty-thousand Bulgarians attacked the Serbians on October 14th, in the Valadovo region, near the Greek frontier. Desperate fighting is proceeding.

### ALL FORMALITIES OBSERVED

London, Oct. 16.—Reciprocal declarations of war between Bulgaria and Great Britain and Serbia, together with King Ferdinand's manifesto to the Bulgarians, defining Bulgaria's cause and intentions, mark another phase of the Balkan situation. Greece's decision not to aid Serbia "at present," although causing disappointment here, has at least announced in words permitting no further doubt of her immediate position on affairs which circumstances might alter at any moment. Roumania is still silent. Bucharest dispatches to Paris say that country will maintain strict neutrality. This is not taken as a definite answer here.

### MACKENSEN'S SLOW MOVEMENTS

Mackensen's campaign against Serbia is developing slowly. This is gratifying to the Allies. So far the definite results have been obtained. The first Bulgarian army is attacking Serbia northeast of Nish, occupying the mountain passes. A Nish dispatch says that unless the Germans are reinforced the Serbians will hold their own.

### GERMANS GAIN IN THE WEST

Chief activity on the western front is along the French line. German gains overshadow those reported by the French. The Germans also claim gains on the British front, but this is denied.

### OCALA'S NEW AGENT

C. A. Harris, who has been the efficient and accommodating agent of the Seaboard in Bradenton for the past two years, has received notice of his transfer to Ocala, and the appointment of J. M. Mason as agent here. The change is for a period of sixty days, but will probably become permanent. Mr. Harris has proven one of the most popular agents for the Seaboard at this place and the public regrets his departure. Mr. Mason has been connected with the Bradenton office for several months and has made many friends here.—Bradenton Journal.

Try one of those frosted pints of Peat Blue Ribton at Johnny's. tf

## PASSENGERS KILLED ON UNION PACIFIC

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST AND OVER FORTY INJURED IN WRECK NEAR RANDOLPH, KAN.

(Associated Press)

Kansas City, Oct. 16.—At least fifteen people were killed and over forty injured when one car of a motor train on the Union Pacific plunged off the end of a bridge into a swollen creek near Randolph, Kan. Most of those killed were drowned. An abutment of the bridge washed out, causing the wreck.

## GOING AWAY FROM GREECE

ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN AMBASSADORS LEAVING ATHENS

(Associated Press)

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—According to an Athens dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, the Russian and Italian ministers are preparing to leave Greece. Their families will probably leave Athens today or a warship for Italy.

## BRITON WON THE BATTLE

SUB SUNK A GERMAN DESTROYER OFF COAST OF SWEDEN

(Associated Press)

Copenhagen, Oct. 16.—A British submarine torpedoed and sunk a German destroyer yesterday at the southern entrance to the Sound, a narrow strait between Denmark and Sweden. A great explosion followed the striking of the torpedo and the destroyer foundered immediately. A message from Falsterbo, Sweden, which brought news of this incident, adds that another German destroyer and a cruiser which were accompanying the destroyer speeded to the southward.

### MR. WILSON PROVING HIS INVENTION'S MERIT

At Silver Springs yesterday, Mr. Wm. H. Wilson, using his newly invented diving suit, went down fifty feet, and could have gone much further had he had sufficient weight. Tomorrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, he intends to go down again, and expects to reach the bottom of the boil. He wants his friends to go see him make the dive.

SEE THE FARM on the Silver Springs road which furnishes the Merchant's Cafe every day with fresh vegetables, milk and eggs. tf

### BILIOUSNESS & CONSTIPATION

It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipation, when relief is so easily had and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a year ago I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they cured me of biliousness and constipation." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.